

SENATE BILL 1822

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
Chapter 7, relative to polling places.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-103, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting:

(a)

(1) A person must not be admitted to a polling place while the procedures required by this chapter are being carried out except election officials, voters, persons properly assisting voters, credentialed press, poll watchers appointed under § 2-7-104, and others bearing written authorization from the county election commission.

(2) A person who has been convicted of a felony in a state, jurisdiction, or territory of the United States and whose voting rights have not been restored must not be admitted to a polling place or allowed within the one hundred-foot boundary from an entrance to a polling place until such rights are restored.

(3) A county election commission may adopt a policy to credential members of the press for purposes of accessing polling places to take photographs and videos in accordance with § 2-7-142(b)(2).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-142, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting:

(1) A voter using a mobile electronic or communication device as permitted under subsection (a) shall not use the device for telephone conversations, recording, or taking photographs or videos while inside the polling place.

(2) An individual other than a voter who is authorized to be present at a polling place shall not use a mobile electronic or communication device for telephone conversations, recording, or taking photographs or videos while inside the polling place or within the one hundred-foot boundary designated pursuant to § 2-7-111(a); provided, that credentialed press may take such photographs or videos at such locations after providing credentials to election officials at the polling place.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.